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## First Supplement to Memorandum 2014-54

**2014-2015 Annual Report (Staff Draft)**

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Attached to this memorandum is a staff draft of the appendix to the Commission's *2014-2015 Annual Report*<sup>1</sup> containing the biographies of current Commissioners.

**The Commission needs to decide whether to approve the content of the draft appendix for inclusion in the 2014-2015 Annual Report, with or without changes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Cohen  
Staff Counsel

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1. Any California Law Revision Commission document referred to in this memorandum can be obtained from the Commission. Recent materials can be downloaded from the Commission's website ([www.clrc.ca.gov](http://www.clrc.ca.gov)). Other materials can be obtained by contacting the Commission's staff, through the website or otherwise.

The Commission welcomes written comments at any time during its study process. Any comments received will be a part of the public record and may be considered at a public meeting. However, comments that are received less than five business days prior to a Commission meeting may be presented without staff analysis.

## APPENDIX 5

### BIOGRAPHIES OF CURRENT COMMISSIONERS

Victor King, of La Crescenta, serves as the Chairperson of the Commission, and has been university legal counsel for California State University, Los Angeles since 2002. He was previously a partner with the law firm of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard and Smith LLP from 2001 to 2002, an associate with the law firm of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard and Smith LLP from 1999 to 2001, an associate with the law firm of Bottum and Felton from 1996 to 1999, and an associate with the law firm of Ochoa and Sillas from 1991 to 1995. He was also a trustee of the Glendale Community College District from 1997 to 2009. Commissioner King received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Michigan Law School.

Crystal Miller-O'Brien, of Los Angeles, serves as the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, has been corporate counsel for Medical Management Consultants, Inc. since 2006. She was previously an associate with the law firm of Anderson McPharlin and Connors LLP from 2005 to 2006, an associate with the law firm of Robie and Matthai PC from 2003 to 2005, and an associate with the law firm of Bullivant Houser Bailey PC from 2002 to 2003. She has also served on the board of directors of the Conference of California Bar Associations since 2009, is a member of the Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, and a member of the National Association of Women Business Owners. Commissioner Miller-O'Brien received a Juris Doctor degree from Willamette University College of Law.

Diane Boyer-Vine, of Sacramento, has been Legislative Counsel for the State of California since 2002. She was previously a deputy and thereafter a chief deputy in the Legislative Counsel's office from 1988 to 2002, and before that an associate with the law firm of Martorana and Stockman. She also serves as a member of the California Commission on Uniform State Laws. Commissioner Boyer-Vine received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Davis School of Law.

Damian Capozzola, of Hermosa Beach, is the founder of the Law Offices of Damian D. Capozzola. He was previously a partner with the law firm of Crowell and Moring LLP from 2011 to 2013, an attorney with the law firm of Epstein Becker and Green P.C. from 2007 to 2011, and an attorney with the law firm of Kirkland and Ellis LLP from 1996 to 2007. Commissioner Capozzola received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Xochitl Carrion, of San Francisco and Oakland, has been an attorney with the law firm of Goldfarb and Lipman LLP since 2007. She is also the Northern District Vice President of the California La Raza Lawyers Association, a Super Lawyers 2013 and 2014 Northern California Rising Star and one of Super Lawyers 2013 and 2014 Northern California Top Women Attorneys, a member of San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association (SFLRLA), and has served as president of the SFLRLA. Commissioner Carrion received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law.

Judge Patricia Cowett (ret.), of San Diego, has been a mediator with Alternative Dispute Resolution Services, Inc. and the American Arbitration Association since 2009. She was previously a judge on the San Diego Superior Court from 1998 to 2008, a judge on the San Diego Municipal Court from 1979 to 1998, and presiding judge of the San Diego Municipal Court in 1991. She is a past president of Lawyers Club of San Diego and founding president of Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego. She is also a former member of the California Asian-Pacific Judges Association, the San Diego County Judges Association, and a current member of the Planning Committee for the National Association of Women Judges Annual Conference in San Diego, October 2014. Commissioner Cowett received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Davis School of Law.

Taras Peter Kihiczak, of Pacific Palisades, has been a lawyer with and shareholder of The Kick Law Firm APC since 1991. He was previously a lawyer with the law firm of Thelen Marrin

Johnson and Bridges from 1989 to 1990. Commissioner Kihiczak received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Susan Duncan Lee, of Tiburon, has been a deputy attorney general and thereafter a supervising deputy attorney general with the California Department of Justice since 1989. Commissioner Lee received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law.

Senator Ted Lieu, of Torrance, has been a member of the Senate since 2011, and a member of the Assembly from 2005 to 2010. He was previously an attorney with the law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson, clerked for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and served as a prosecutor in the JAG Corps of the United States Air Force. He has also served on the Torrance City Council, the Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission, and the Rampart Independent Review Panel. Commissioner Lieu received a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

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